

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, 2 and 3 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claims 2 and 3 are amended to clarify that the entire or a portion of the second wiring line has a width "larger than each width of each of the first wiring lines." Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,788,278 to Aoki. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The present application claims priority of Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2002-209880 (JP '880), filed July 18, 2002, which is prior to the June 4, 2003 filing date of Aoki. Therefore, JP '880 antedates the filing date of Aoki. See MPEP §706.2(b). An accurate English-language translation of JP '880 is attached to perfect the claim for priority. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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English-language Translation of JP 2002-209880

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